

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**Please amend the paragraph starting on page 3, line 20 as follows:**

It should also be understood that the techniques of the present invention may be implemented using a variety of technologies. For example, the methods described herein may be implemented in software executing on a computer system, or implemented in hardware utilizing either a combination of microprocessors or other specially designed application specific integrated circuits, programmable logic devices, or various combinations thereof. In particular, the methods described herein may be implemented by a series of computer-executable instructions residing on a suitable computer-readable medium. Suitable computer-readable media may include volatile (e.g., RAM) and/or non-volatile (e.g., ROM, disk) memory, ~~carrier waves and transmission media (e.g., copper wire, coaxial cable, fiber optic media).~~ Exemplary carrier waves may take the form of electrical, electromagnetic or optical signals conveying digital data streams along a local network, ~~a publicly accessible network such as the Internet or some other communication link.~~